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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: S. Houtteman
KAYYEM et al.)
Serial No.: 08/873,597)
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For: AC METHODS FOR THE)
DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Official Action dated June 14, 1999 and accompanies a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filing. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 15, 1999 in the parent case, running to January 15, 2000. Thus this response is timely and no further fees are due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees or other relief, which